



City of Tacoma City Council Study Session Minutes

733 Market Street, Tacoma WA 98402

Conference Room 16

June 06, 2017

12:00 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Strickland called the study session to order at 12:06 p.m.

Present: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

Briefing Items

1. [17-0563](#) Washington State Department of Transportation Updates on Ongoing and Upcoming Construction Projects

At approximately 12:07 p.m., John Wynands, Region Administrator, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), made opening remarks and introduced MaryLou Nebergall, Assistant Region Administrator for construction, and Cara Mitchell, Olympia Region Communications. Mr. Wynands provided information relative to the WSDOT projects, including new alignment of northbound Interstate 5 (I-5), new northbound Exit 133, direct connection to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes between I-5 and State Route 16 (SR 16), new alignment of northbound I-5 and new Exit 133, and pavement rehabilitation from M Street to Portland Avenue. He then overviewed the upcoming projects, Intelligent Transportation Systems improvements, ramp meters, WSDOT HOV feasibility study, and presented a short video.

Ms. Nebergall provided brief information on other Tacoma area projects.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the anticipated date of when there will be no construction on I-5 between Fife and the Tacoma Mall, the interchange between I-5 and SR 16, and access to the presented video.

2. [17-0564](#) Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance Implementation

At approximately 12:33 p.m., Jim Parvey, Environmental Services Division Manager, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability, provided information relative to the Bring Your Own Bag (BYOB) ordinance implementation, including an overview, background, retailer engagement, targeted business districts, and retailer resources, and introduced Kristin Lynett, Environmental Services.

Ms. Lynett then provided information on shopper resources, giveaway sites, Share-a-Bag program, outreach resources, event outreach sites, neighborhood outreach, enforcement, next steps, and a short video.

Discussion ensued regarding the tent card language, increasing the number of giveaway, reusable bags per family, outreach areas, follow-ups on the open house, ethnic community publications and radio stations, BYOB study measures, the budget, community engagement, and accessible provision of the BYOB Ordinance to the public.

3. [17-0565](#) Emergency Homeless Response Update

At approximately 1:04 p.m., Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, acknowledged Jeff Jenkins, Public Works Assistant Director, Tadd Wille, Budget Director, and other City staff for the Emergency Homeless Response efforts. She then provided an overview of the presentation, including background information on the declaration of emergency, the three-phased approach plan, ongoing City funding, and what the program is and is not.

Mr. Jenkins presented the three-phased approach plan in depth, including phase 1, mitigation site, and its key metrics; and phase 2, temporary transitional centers, and its sites, short-term transition and stability site, and the recommended stability site. Ms. Pauli provided information relative to phase 3, short-term transitional housing, with long-term options.

Mr. Wille presented the budgetary impacts relative to the three phases, including cost assumptions and caveats, site cost estimates, scenarios A, B, and C, scenario cost summary, staff recommendation, community education and outreach, and next steps. Brian Boudet, Planning and Development Services Division Manager, noted that there is a proposal to adopt an interim zoning ordinance for emergency shelters at tonight's Council Meeting.

Discussion ensued throughout the presentation regarding the provision of human and social services at the mitigation site, balancing the provision of the City services and enforcement, identifying the homeless using various databases, number of tents at the stability site, outreach to partners, anticipated

temporary housing sites, duration of phases, estimated number of homeless counted for the cost summaries, clarification on the need of sites, risks, parking, partnering with the State to help the people with special needs, notifying businesses around the staff recommended sites, amending the Human Habitation of Vehicle ordinance, and updating the City Council on the progress of each site.

Other Items of Interest

Council Member Campbell requested the City’s support to purchase more reusable, giveaway bags to help the BYOB implementation.

Discussion ensued regarding the decision process.

* * * * *

Council Member McCarthy presented a substitute to Resolution No. 39741 relative to Cushman Substation and Adams Street Substation.

Discussion ensued regarding the lattice tower, condenser room, and appropriate use of lands.

- 4. [17-0566](#) Council Consideration Request - Sister Cities Program Support

Mayor Strickland presented a Council Consideration Request relative to funds to support the Sister Cities Council.

Discussion ensued regarding the support of partnerships.

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports given.

Agenda Review and City Manager's Weekly Report

- 5. [17-0567](#) Weekly Report to the City Council, June 1, 2017

Elizabeth Pauli, City Manager, stated there are no proclamations, recognitions, presentations, or announcements. She stated there are three expected changes to tonight’s agenda, the substitution of Resolution No. 39741 regarding the Cushman Substation, a motion requesting the City Council to direct the City Manager to proceed with the staff recommendation relative to the Emergency Homeless Response, and to introduce the first and final reading of a zoning ordinance to support the declaration of emergency.

Closed Session - Labor Negotiations

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Closed Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(4)(a and b) to discuss labor negotiations, not to exceed 20 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Closed Session at 2:45 p.m.

The Closed Session concluded and the Council convened to Executive Session at 3:05 p.m.

Executive Session - Pending Litigation

MOTION: Council Member Mello moved to convene to Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation, not to exceed 15 minutes.

SECONDED BY: Council Member Campbell.

ACTION: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was declared adopted.

Ayes: 9 - Blocker, Campbell, Ibsen, Lonergan, McCarthy, Mello, Thoms, Walker Lee and Mayor Strickland

The Council convened to Executive Session at 3:05 p.m. City Attorney Bill Fosbre was present.

The Executive Session concluded and the study session reconvened at 3:20 p.m.

Adjournment

On proper motion, the study session was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Marilyn Strickland, Mayor

Doris Sorum, City Clerk